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NEW FLAGS FOR KAZAKH SSR AND LATVIAN SSR

[Comment: The Kazakh and Latvian flags are the sixth and seventh union republic flags to be changed within the past 14 months. Other flags to be changed were those of the Belorussian SSR, Uzbek SSR, Azerbaydzhani SSR, Armenian SSR, and Kirgiz SSR.]
 The new flags are more distinctive than the old, which were identical to that of the USSR except for minor details.]

NEW FLAG FOR KAZAKH SSR -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 27 Jan 53

By a 24 January 1953 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, changes in the state flag of the Kazakh SSR have been decreed. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle and above them, in gold, the words "Kazakhskaya SSR" in both Kazakh and Russian, in the upper left corner near the staff.

The new Kazakh flag is made up of three horizontal stripes. The upper stripe is red and occupies two thirds the width of the flag; the middle stripe is azure and makes up two ninths the width of the flag; the lower stripe, making up one ninth the width, is red. In the upper left corner, one fourth the horizontal distance from the staff, are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The over-all ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 122 of the Kazakh Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Kazakh flag is appended.

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NEW FLAG FOR LATVIAN SSR -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 18 Jan 53

By a 17 January 1953 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR, changes in the state flag have been decreed. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle and above them the gold letters "LPSR" in the upper left corner near the staff.

The new flag is made up of five horizontal stripes -- a red upper stripe occupying two thirds of the width of the flag and four undulant stripes, alternately white and blue, representing the sea, making up the remaining one third of the width of the flag. In the upper left corner, one fifth the horizontal distance from the staff, there are a gold hammer and sickle and above them a red five-pointed star, outlined in gold. The over-all ratio of width to length of the flag is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 116 of the Latvian Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

A sketch of the new Latvian flag is appended.

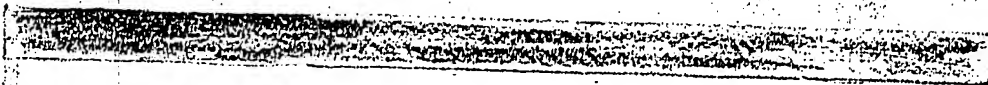
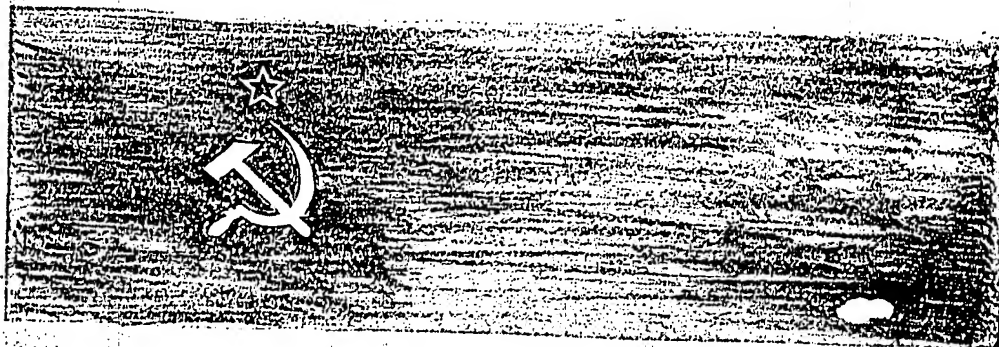
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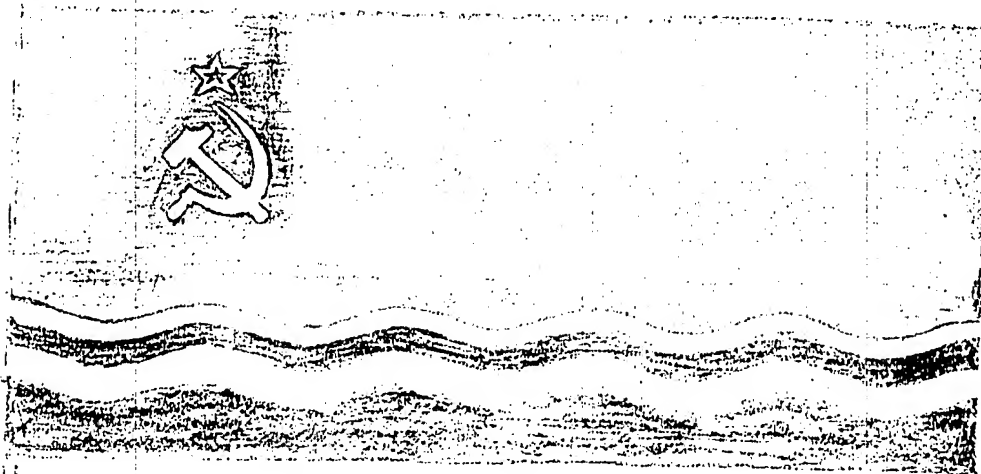
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